

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2014

Sermon: **BEAUTIFUL SEEDS**

## *GATHERING*

Prelude:  
Invocation

\*Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, we need no longer be lost and divided.

**People: In Christ, we are given a new name.**

Leader: In Christ, we are become children of God.

**People: Let us then open our eyes so that we might see the Lord.**

Leader: Let us call to God as kind Father.

**People: Let us share our faith in joy and beauty.**

\*Hymn: #143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of mercy, on Christmas long ago you came to us; you became one of us. In Christ, you freed us from all our chains. And you still do. But we do not see you, Lord, as you do your work of healing among us; we do not recognize you in our sisters and brothers. Too often our faith is one of anger and judgment, not joy and beauty. Oh, forgive us, Lord. Come to us again. Open our eyes and hearts to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 581)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 650); Galatians 4:4-7(p. 178)

\*Hymn: #147 “The First Nowell”

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Kids (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40 (p.55)

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory:

\*Doxology (p. 606)

\*Hymn: #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

### **WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Sue Funk

10:30 – Mary Alice High & Craig Keenan

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Warren H. Brackbill who passed away on Friday, December 19, 2014.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Michael & Rebekah Diem  
Noah & Delilah  
1486 Briertown Road  
East Earl, PA 17519-9402

**TODAY:**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship  
Session Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

**THURSDAY: HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Karen Boyer  
10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

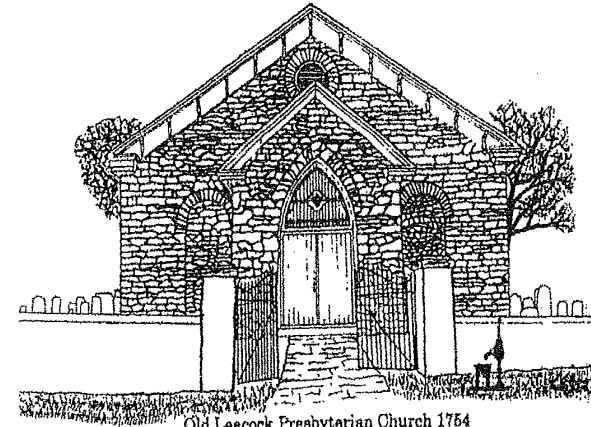
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$4,550.00  
In order to meet the approved budget for 2014, we need to receive an average of \$4,363.00 each week in offering.

**While Rev. Birch is out of the office starting Dec. 29, 2014 and returning Jan. 7, 2015,** Rev. Steve Getty will be available for Pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reached at 717-768-8343 or, as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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